

OPPOSING THE DEVASTATING CUTS IN BUDGET RECONCILIATION BILL

(Mr. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the devastating cuts proposed in the budget reconciliation bill—a measure anything but conciliatory toward families and their hopes for their children.

Let's examine how this bill would harm children. First, it jeopardizes immunizations for children; second, it eliminates emergency health care for millions of children from poor families; third, it cuts Head Start services which would only result in lower academic performance; fourth, it reduces funding for programs that keep drugs and violence away from children and their schools; fifth, it eliminates meaningful summer job opportunities; sixth, it ignores the need for child care and child protection services for abused and neglected children.

Yes, we must make the tough choices to balance the budget, but not at the expense of harming our children. Can't we reconcile the budget while being conciliatory to the opportunities for the next generation. Let's not pave over the chances for success of the next generation as we construct the road to financial solvency.

ANOTHER WHITE HOUSE FLIP-FLOP

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, recently President Clinton admitted to a fundraiser for his reelection campaign that he felt that he, along with the help of the Democratic Congress, raised taxes too much in 1993. One would assume that a fundraiser for a Presidential incumbent the majority of those in attendance would be wealthy. The President told wealthy Democrats he taxed them too much. But when the Republicans want to cut taxes, Clinton thinks we are giving too many tax cuts to the wealthy.

Republican tax breaks, like Clinton's tax increases, touch everyone, including senior citizens, small business, and middle- and low-income families. Many in politics would say President Bush lost in 1994 because of his reversal on his "read my lips" pledge. Mr. Speaker, I suggest it is impossible to read the current President's lips when he is on all sides of every issue.

TIME TO LOOK AT THE UNITED NATIONS

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, it is time to take a look at the United Nations. It is bad enough American troops have served under the command of the United Nations, but now the United Nations is talking about a world tax. The United Nations wants the power to tax currency transactions and arms sales. Beam me up here, Mr. Speaker. Congress better wake up.

The last I heard, Members of Congress swear an oath to the Constitution of the United States, not to the charter of the United Nations. George Washington once warned Congress about foreign entanglements. I say here today, the United Nations is the mother of all foreign entanglements. Boutros-Boutros Ghali may be the Secretary General of the United Nations, but deep down, I do not think he is a fan or that much of a friend of the United States to start with. Wake up, Congress. This has gone too far.

NEW MAJORITY WILL GIVE PRESIDENT CLINTON THE OPPORTUNITY TO ROLL BACK HIS RECORD-BREAKING TAX INCREASE

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, the President, who in 1993 gave the American people the largest single tax increase in peacetime history, told us last week that he made a mistake by raising taxes too much.

The next day he said that he did not really mean what he had said the day before. Actually, he said, it was late in the day and he was a little bit sleepy.

My goodness. It is not exactly news that Mr. Clinton has occasionally tailored his remarks to suit whatever group he happens to be talking to at the moment, but this one is a real doozy.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to give the President another opportunity to make amends for his mistake in 1993. We are going to present him with a tax bill that will reduce the taxes on those same middle class Americans to whom he promised a tax cut in 1992, then raised their taxes instead, soon after becoming President.

Mr. Speaker, 75 percent of our tax cuts go to people who make less than \$75,000. Let us hope that when the tax cut bill comes before him this year, he will be in the right frame of mind and he will sign our middle-class tax cut.

RED RIBBON CELEBRATION

(Mrs. THURMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to include extraneous material.)

Mrs. THURMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind my colleagues that we all have a role to play in the battle against illegal drugs—and that no one is more serious about that fight than the people of Citrus County, FL.

This week marks the eighth annual National Red Ribbon Celebration.

We all know that it takes a solid community effort to steer kids away from drugs. This week, Citrus County businesses are joining in the effort in many ways.

More than 14,000 ribbons, each symbolizing the wearer's commitment to a drug-free lifestyle, will be donated to the county's schools.

Those who wear the ribbons will receive discounts for food and entertainment and other events will be built around the drug-free theme.

Mr. Speaker, I commend all the committed people of Citrus County for making this year's events the biggest and best ever. They are giving the young people in Citrus County something to say "yes" to when they say "no" to drugs.

The article follows:

[From the Tribune, Citrus County, FL]

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TURN RED WHEN IT COMES TO DRUGS—WEARERS DISPLAY COMMITMENT TO A DRUG-FREE LIFESTYLE

(By Gary Sprott)

CRYSTAL RIVER.—Thousands of Citrus County students, teachers and school support workers will don red next week in the fight against drugs.

The eighth annual National Red Ribbon Celebration, Oct. 23-31, will feature a variety of school and community events. The celebration is sponsored by The National Federation of Parents for Drug Free Youth.

About 14,000 ribbons, each symbolizing the wearer's commitment to a drug-free lifestyle, will be donated to the county's schools by Spring/United Telephone-Florida.

"The goal is to get the community involved so students see that prevention isn't just taught in class," said Linda Higdon, who coordinates the school district's drug-free school program.

Schools and community groups will sponsor guest speakers, special presentations and healthy-lifestyle promotions.

Higdon said the celebration strengthens the district's year-round efforts through its school resource officers and Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, also known as DARE.

"We've had really good participation and every year it keeps growing," she said. "It's just not enough to tell kids what to say 'No' to, you've got to show them what to say 'Yes' to."

Among the planned community events:

Oct. 25: The Burger King in Inverness will offer a 10 percent discount on purchases for students and adults wearing a red ribbon.

Publix and Winn-Dixie stores will use grocery bags decorated by the county's elementary school students.

Oct. 27: The Roller Barn in Inverness will offer \$1 off admission from 6 to 11 p.m. for students wearing red ribbons.

The Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a free Halloween costume contest from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the county auditorium in Inverness.

The contest will be followed by a dance for middle-school students from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The dance is free for students wearing red ribbons or Halloween costumes, \$1 for others. For information, call 795-2202.

Oct. 28: Manatee Lanes in Crystal River will offer discount rates and free shoe rental from noon to 5 p.m. for students wearing red ribbons.